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MBA Chooses Honor Council For 47-48

SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS TO CARE FOR CLASS BUSINESS

Last Thursday the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth forms and their respective elections for class officers. Before we were dismissed from chapel we had various meeting places Mr. Sager impressed upon us the importance of taking the elections seriously.

The duties of the president are to call class meetings, keep order in the meetings, and to represent the class in other schools and meetings. The duty of the vice-president is to be over when the president is absent. The secretary and treasurer takes notes of the meeting. He also takes on whatever odd duties there are collecting dues, etc., and taking up dues. The officers also preside over the literary societies.

Realizing the importance of getting the best men who would represent us, we held the elections in a very orderly fashion. In a very short time these returns were handed in to the BELL RINGER.

In the freshman class, Bobby Gran was elected president, Henry Hooker, vice-president, and Togi Jones, secretary.

Robert McNeiley is the headman in the sophomore class, also assisted by a Vice-president, Billy Bryan and Secretary, Billy Clegg.

Wilber Creighton is wielding the gavel again this year for the juniors. To help him keep things going in order is Don Wade, vice-president, and Vernon Sharp, secretary.

The first business on the docket of the senior class was the choosing of the two students to try out for Pepsi-Cola scholarships. Bob Brown and Walter Noel will take the examinations for these awards. Representing the senior class are Bell Wade, president; Bob Ezell. (Continued on Page 2.)

Andrews Field Remodeled This Summer; Stands To Goal Lines

M. B. A. is now the high school football stadium in this part of Tennessee.

During this summer and fall enough permanent steel tiers have been erected to give us stands from goal line to goal line on both sides of the field. These give us 6,000 feet of seating plus the bleachers on the north side.

Since we've always wanted reserved seats, the entire west side has been fenced off for this purpose.

There is a new mechanically operated scoreboard down on the South end. It tells the time, quarter, score, down, and yards. Standing on the south can be seen from one part of the stadium the scoreboard is eighteen and a half wide and twenty-two feet high.

Some of us now realize the school is not going to do all this. Most of the credit goes to Coach Howard Allen. He's worked constantly since he solicited funds for the first stand back in '36. Before that, those people who didn't stand carried the lunchroom benches out on the field. Interest in football has been steadily climbing since then. Consequently, the green pastures boom in prep football interest, has turned football at M. B. A. into a money-making proposition. It has been a big job getting everything lined up for these new stands, but we can always count on Coach.

School Spirit

The question this week is: Is the school spirit here at M. B. A. what it should be? First we should have an explanation of what real school spirit is. A faculty member says:

"School spirit is the way in which a student turns out for athletics, participates in school activities, and upholds the good name of the school. There is the hunger on what is now being seen in school for the many benefits he receives. Then there is the student who is always to be seen at athletic contests, and many places where he can help represent the school. Nevertheless no matter how good is the spirit of the school there is always room for improvement."

After this explanation to M. B. A. what about our school spirit? When asked, a sophomore says:

"M. B. A.'s spirit is fair—probably as good as any in similar schools. The attendance record at the recent football games has not been good. Many raised hands are seen at Assembly, but the owners do not show up at the football games."

In conclusion, the question—"What can we do as individual students to promote the creed of good school spirit?" should be answered.

"It is not to be hard for everyone of us to be on hand where matters of our school are concerned. We all know to all that M. B. A. is composed of boys who do their best for their school in all things and at all times. Let it also be known in the future as in the past that with M. B. A. boys—M. B. A. is right."

Two Seniors May Get Scholarships

Each year the Pepsi-Cola Co. offers to students in their senior year, 119 four-year college scholarships and 550 college entrance awards.

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The contestants are elected by their fellow seniors and cannot exceed the number of the class. They will be given four-year scholarships at their own schools November 21. The 15 students in each state making the highest mark on the examination will be invited on January 24 and the two from each state with the highest grades will win the scholarships.

Although this is of primary interest to seniors, it is also something to work very well for the rest of us working for the rest of us.

Key Club Chooses 11 New Members; 7 Soph

On Monday, September 22, the Key Club of Montgomery Bell Academy held its first meeting in Miss McCallen's room to elect new members of the club. The only requirements for membership are: The person must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior; and the person must be in the upper third of his class.

Since the greatest emphasis is placed on service, the most important of the boys chosen were the Navy the former track star reached the rank of full Lieutenant, seeing action in the Solomon Islands.

His original home in Berra, Kentucky, new teacher has made his residence at 209 Natchez Trace, where he lives with his wife and one year old son.

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Mr. Ferrell, Navy Vet, Joins Math Dept.; Taught At Columbia

When the teachers were introduced to the student body the first day at school, we all noticed one new name among the old ones, that of Mr. H. E. Ferrell.

Mr. Ferrell comes to us from Columbia Military Academy, and is teaching first year algebra and plane geometry. At Columbia Mr.

Ferrell was the swimming coach and assistant grid coach. His teaching ability proved out, M. B. A. was so impressed with him by placing him in charge of M. B. A. sports. At the present he is devoting his time to their football team and has yet to play his first game. Incidentally, Mr. Ferrell's new coach says that all his boys know how to tackle and even more important than that they have the necessary grit. These two qualities would predict a good season for the grade school.

Mr. Ferrell received his prep school education at Morgan, where he entered into most of the sports, excelling in football and track.

After leaving Morgan the young track star completed his education at the Tennessee State Teachers College. During the time when he was obtaining his education, Mr. Ferrell even furthered his records in football and track.

Throughout the war Mr. Ferrell served his country as a pilot in the Navy.

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Two years ago the Honor System was installed at M. B. A. by a majority of the student body. At first no one could tell how well the new plan would work. Now, after two years of operation there is no doubt as to what the System is highly effective.

The purpose of the Honor System is to discourage lying, cheating, and stealing at M. B. A. and even more important to promote a genuine feeling of honor among the Academy's students. The machinery of the System is set up in such a manner that a boy who commits a cheating or lying or anything dishonest will be given every opportunity to discontinue such practices, without needless embarrassment. If a boy is seen cheating, for example, he is first supposed to be warned to stop. In the case the boy does stop the matter is dropped then and there. If a boy is often seen the he is caught cheating, his name should be turned over to a representative of the Honor Council. The Honor Council is the group of students, about 150, who are elected to the Honor System. The Honor System does not cover infractions of the school rules."

The Honor Council decides if a boy is guilty of lying, cheating, or stealing; or not. And if it is found to be the case the body recommends a punishment to fit the offence; this punishment is approved by the faculty. Usually the first offence brings a reprimand; expulsion is used only as a last resort.

In selecting the Council four representatives are chosen from the senior class; three from the junior, two from the sophomore and one each from the freshmen and grade school. This year the following boys were elected:

From the senior class—Edward Nelson, Bill Bailey, Bobby Brown, John Ambrose.

From the junior class—Charles Blackard, Bobby Chickley, Bobby Brown.

From the sophomore class—Lem Stevens, Charlie Hawkins.

From the freshman class—Ben Morris.

From the grade school—Jackie Duncan.

No Strings Attached

"Shhh. You are about to witness a murder. Look here on the porch of the Caldwell mansion a tall dark-haired man is pulling a string. A shot! Glass shatters. The man throws away the string and runs rapidly up the front door. As the door swings open, we perceive four people, two men and two women.

"Bill," said Jerry, the taller one, "what happened?"

"A man on the ledge shot into my mother's room. Girls, go up and see what you can do for her. Fellas, come with me. We may catch him yet. You go that way, I'll go this. After we catch him, we see Bill go into the yard, jerk the string and gun down from the ledge and then from the tree, which was used as a pulley. Just then a shot is heard."

"Bill, we've found your man." Bill runs to the spot. On the arrival, he sees no other than Jerry.

"I didn't do nothing. I'll swear I didn't. When I heard the shot, I

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WAR IN TEN YEARS?

It was a little more than two years ago that the world celebrated the end of the bloodiest and most devastating struggle known to man. We all looked back at the tattered League of Nations and said, "We are wiser by our experience. We shall never make the same mistake." We pointed confidently to the United Nations Charter, ratified but a month and a half before the final surrender, and said, "Surely, this is the answer."

Now many of us, fuming over the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill or the inflationary spiral of prices, forget that the outside world exists. We boys, content with new cars and a date twice a week tend to forget that we, the youth of America, may soon be fighting and dying for the liberties which were paid for so dearly in the last war. If we Americans do not break from this trend toward isolationism, our country will again be engulfed in a struggle, far more devastating than anything known to man.

At the present time the United Nations Organization is about to go on the rocks. As a matter of fact the United Nations is so powerless that its existence offers little hope for perpetual peace.

Why is the United Nations so powerless? Because the Security Council cannot take action against any member of the "Big Five." Hence nothing is done about Greece; nothing is done about Palestine; nothing is done about the atomic bomb or disarmament. The Marshall Plan, a veto compromise, is thrashed by the bitter words of Andrei Vishinsky; however we must not be too hasty in our condemnation of Russia. For without the veto Russia would lie powerless before the rest of the world. So far the only vote her doctrines have continually carried is that of Poland. It seems that the United Nations, powerful but futile, must soon yield to either a better organization or to direct arbitration between the powers.

If the U.N. folds up, what will be our chances for peace? Anyone can see that the chance is small. "Power politics" would give us peace for a number of years. In other words, if we have a great army and hold most of the world on our side, Russia would not dare start another war. But this plan entails great expenditures. What is more, we would have to continue these disbursements indefinitely. Our economic system, straining under the tremendous taxes today, might sink in poor times. America, the richest nation on earth, would lose one of her greatest advantages, and would be left almost at the mercy of an aggressor nation. While protecting us for some years, the plan of "power politics" must eventually lead to our destruction.

Then is there any hope for mankind? Very little, indeed. But that hope does exist. Something new? Something different? Not at all. As a matter of fact the answer has always been the same. That answer is understanding—*mutual understanding*. Now the need for understanding is greater than ever before; the opportunity greater. The next war means utter destruction for both sides. Even the winning nations will be losers. For all the conquered lands will be demolished by the uncontended fire of the atomic bomb, and perhaps even a cosmic ray, the destruction of which cannot be imagined. While we hear nothing, both our scientists and those of Russia are working feverishly in search of this "insurance" against aggression. Certainly the world cannot survive another World War.

Now as never before we have the chance for understanding

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Every year our paper and annual are sponsored by numerous advertisers. Many of the concerns advertise just to help the school. Very few people advertise in hopes of increasing their business, for they feel that advertising on such a small scale would not substantially help. At any rate without these numerous sponsors we would be unable to put out a paper for less than twenty-five or thirty-five cents per person per issue. In other words the paper would not be worth anything like what it cost.

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Class News

Grade School News

The Microbes were off to a good start this year after too short a vacation, most because they had to and some small few because they wanted to.

Having the shirttail in has its advantages. Many shirts are tucked neatly in, but heavy wool jackets were not manufactured to be worn in. We still have hopes of overcoats being worn outside the parts, but who knows?

For those who don't know the with the large grin is Sambo Harwell in the first form.

Some teachers in the new form give directions for preparing sandwiches, smiling and fixing pen tops. Actually we should be thankful. The next generation is in danger of being D. Poor. Jim and I am going to encourage a teacher five demerit for thinking, ten for thinking, also ten hours homework per subject. His explanation—"Re-reading."

Why doesn't Champion Harwell take the courts? Maybe there is one to give him a game worth playing. How about Sambo?

Freshman News

School has started and so have the paper wads in study hall. And our group is together and pointing to a boy with a "And who may I ask, is he?"

One new boy in particular is tall and thin, with a big and bushy that even the tough guys make sure that they don't make him mad. The tall young man is Troy Jones.

Yesterday while on the gridiron I saw an amazing display of talent by "Lightning" Lowe. It is the general consensus of opinion that "Lightning" will be "All-American" this year.

Question: What freshman with the initials D. A. is called the "brain"?

Answer: Dillard Adams.

Question: What would happen if Joe Tenison got his Latin?

Answer: The Latin class would drop dead.

If Dick Bradford ever walked by the fire station he probably try to put out the fire on top of his head.

Sophomore News

Poo La Rue, Poo La Rue,

Well, we have had nine months of this and that's what we do about it. There's nothing we're doing. K. Several have been seen carrying books home—(they claim to study). "E'er" Brummett started to walk off with a bang right into a tree.

In the absence of girls, Kent (I never did a thing right in my life) Hardcastle and John (which was he) do go, but what did he go? Lytten have been seen going steadily to the Happiness Club.

Hawkins is first string Varsity this year and has ideas of becoming pro.

Bill ("Cranky") Martin says after you've been to H. S. a week, you tire of seeing all those girls. (Doctors say he's right, however.) John Adams shines in football practice. Spickard's show

Tim (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) Nelson is hoping to become Man-of-the-Year. He deserves it, he's a good man, and he's a good sport.

Bob Wood has been doing all right this year. He has only had trouble with two people, one we won't mention, and Maxie (Tim's) friend, I mean the Midget. For and his cohort, Fontaine (the Midget Jr.) McDaniel, came through brilliantly against S. A. Fontaine modestly described it as a "fun" game.

If you don't think the people in the U. S. waste 14,000,000,000 man hour a year, just see La Rue. . . . Seen at the H. S. on Friday were Homer Gibbs and Donna Craig with Billy Coble trying to cut in . . . Has La Rue really been taking billiard lessons from Frank Turner?

THE PROFESSOR AND THE DOCTOR

Junior News

Harmony reigns again in the class rooms. The teachers and

"Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

Greetings! Here's a new twist—

Let us know how you like it—On second thought, maybe not!

This column is especially dedicated to Mrs. Bitzer, who should shudder over the split infinitives, etc. What about that new hair-do, anyway? How would Mr. Hackman look with his up in the back like that?

Welcome to the new boys; they seem to be the best yet.

The team has new uniforms, et al, and the K-A-T-Z. I Hats off to Coach Allen for that! But one thing still lacks—More School Spirit! (See Roving Reporter) An M. is the question.

Why is the first period Study Hall so quiet?

Pity the poor kids who—

—have one poor Study Hall.

—have to sit in the lab when the stinks are in the making.

—are on the privilege list (Irony).

—Seniors (English, that is.)

Glad to see Ingram and the Hookers back. Just like old home week.

Brightham to—

—whoever shortened the lunch period.

—whoever invented longer skirts.

—whoever started Poo Poo La Rue (What it out of mechanism?)

—Poo Poo La Rue is interested in our stadium.

Songs of the month "Near You" and "Celery Stalks At Midnight."

Mr. Blandford and Mr. Campbell have come back up (with his new a much better hook system for required outside reading. Hand me my pipe and slippers, Cleo, I'm gonna sit down and read, one of these cold winter nights.

"I've Gotta See A Man About A Dog" is Mr. Rule's latest hit! Nom de plume: Cliff James. That Grand Ol' Opry stuff really sends me,—

Looking forward to the Homecoming Dinner. The Auxiliary has the plans already to roll (that's a Poo Poo Bums) Pass the biscuits, Cleo.

It's nice sweet, fun, lovely, food,

All I hear is Red Rose (Al Williams) telling of what he's going to do next week end. It's something about a deal he's going to pull.

It was a smile of humiliation that beamed on Mr. Hackman's face after Clegg left a smoke in the former's chemistry classroom last week.

Tom Harrison

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SCHOOL OFFICERS

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vice-president, and Bob Brown, secretary and treasurer. Bob was instructed to get information about the senior rings and to find out what boys will get these.

It's time for you to see that we really took Mr. Sager's advice to heart and elected the boys who can best represent our classes and the school. We're with you fellows and wish you good luck in performing your duties.

THE BELL RINGER

Personality of the Month



For our first issue of the "Bell Ringer" of the 1947-48 season we have chosen as our personality of the month one of the most outstanding boys that has ever attended M. B. A. The boy excels on the football field, on the basketball court, on the baseball diamond, on the tennis court, and in the classroom. He is considered better than Bill Wade. If a poll were taken to determine the best well-rounded boy at M. B. A., one may be sure Bill Wade would be a heavy favorite.

Well, let's look back at Bill Wade's record and see why he has become such an outstanding boy in the field of athletics, scholarship, and character.

Bill entered M. B. A. in the eighth grade in 1943. He began participating in sports immediately, playing on the cootie football team during his year. When he was a freshman, he lettered in baseball and during his sophomore and junior year lettered in three sports, football, basketball, and baseball. No M. B. A. team this year would be complete without him.

Bill did more than just participate in these sports...he became outstanding in each of them. He was chosen the most valuable football player in the city last year.

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After three plays they kicked by Bobby Worrall returned it to the T. I. S. 35. Wade's kick was blocked and James Graylow ran the ball to the M. B. A. 29 yard line to the 10. Bill Wade ran in, and with Charlie Hawkins in Jack Sparks' shoes, the old Wade-to-Sparks-to-Ehrhart play was pulled off. Bill Wade ran in, and the score was 26-0. Wade's attempted conversion was no good. The final score: M. B. A., 32; T. I. S. 0.

George Engle, Bill Wade, Bobby Worrall and Bob Ezell are standing among a much-improved Maroon team, while Glen Biles, Marion Hill and James Gaynor started for the Broncos.

Bill was one of the key men on our basketball team, and his name appeared many times on the weekly list of outstanding players. Bill

not to be outdone in baseball either,

of course, in the high school

league last year. He is also a

wonderful tennis player. In the

summer between his sophomore

and junior year he won the boy's sin-

gle and the junior's double in the city tournaments.

Bill has always maintained a high scholastic standing, and has shown his ability as a leader in numerous capacities. He was sec-

retary of his sophomore class, presi-

dent of his junior class, secretary

of the Monogram Club, and a mem-

ber of the Honor Council. Bill was

also a member of the Key Club,

and during his eighth grade,

freshman year, and sophomore

year a member of the Junior Honor

Society, which since has been dis-

banded.

Bill's favorite sport is football. Are you surprised? He gave a very definite answer when asked his favorite food—everything but Latin. He was unable to decide which subject was his favorite, but he was certain Latin was his hardest.

His most distinguishing character is his warm friendly smile. Two of Bill's parents are and are his taking fullest advantage of his numerous talents and his applying himself to the task that confronts him. Bill's parents are to be seen

scoring a touchdown or passing a test.

Judge and Mrs. William Wade,

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proud of your son. May I salut-

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Next day James is indicted. He goes down to the electric chair for three degree murder. The motive is supposedly revenge.

After a hard day the three young men sit around the fire, discussing the events of the last twenty-four hours. Too bad about the poor wrench," said Jerry. "Yes," said King, "Too bad that William will burn in the electric chair now. Did King know who William was the murderer?"

The answer to this simple mystery will appear in the next issue of THE BELL RINGER.

G. E. Yeister scraped up this story as a start, short stories or the like, turn your efforts into Billy Edwards or myself, that we might consider the work for publication. Thanks a million.

REDS SURGE BACK

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kicked a beauty through the crossbars, giving the Maroons a total score of 29 points. M. B. A.'s kick went up into Blue Jays territory, but an excellent catch by Weller's tailback brought the ball back to the Blue Jays' 34 yard line. After two more long runs, which placed them on the 10 yard line, they began a series of desperation passes, fortunately none of these were completed and on the last down, Weller was forced to punt. The kick went to the Maroon 50 and was run back to the 49 by Ehrhart. Three plays later when the M. B. A. eleven had advanced to the 20 yard line the game ended. Final score: M. B. A., 30; West 7.

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The most important thing for us to understand is that the Russians believe the words of Andrei Vishinsky, when he called the Americans warmongers. And why not? Are we always contending with the Soviet? We save Greece and Turkey for democracy. If you were a Russian, what would you think? We build up a large peace-time army. If you were a Russian, what would you think? We continue to work furiously at the atom bomb. If you were a Russian, what would you think? We should remember our policy of Greece and Turkey. We definitely should continue to spread democracy, for democracy, we believe, is the greatest form of government. But we should not fall the Reds for spreading her doctrine. We must remember that Communism is the best form of government for Russia, as shown by the rise of the common man from serfdom to comparative prosperity in twenty-five years.

If you want to be with Russia in two or three decades, we should definitely continue our "Good will to Russia" policy. If we want peace, we should elect more idealistic leaders, or get our present leaders to show a change of heart. We should not be trying to win the next war, when we still have a chance at peace. Our leaders should get together with Russia's leaders and convince them that Americans never want another war. We should approach them peacefully instead of haughtily. We should make a final effort toward peace and prosperity before it is too late and we find ourselves engulfed in the abysmal chaos of World War III.

FALL NET SQUAD

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